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## NPS Director Visit to Adams NHP (continued)

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Following her tour aboard the Adams NHP trolley, Director Mainella was eager to meet with Adams NHP staff regarding several other Park projects and initiatives. The NPS recently funded the restoration of the Adams Carriage House, Beale Estate, and Maintenance facility for \$1 million. Back log maintenance projects include repointing of the historic stone wall surrounding the Adams NHP "Old House", environmental stabilization of the John Adams and John Quincy Adams Birthplaces, stabilization of the Beale Carriage house, and the installation of sprinkler systems totaling \$336,000 slated to begin in 2004. Adams NHP Superintendent Marianne Peak remarked that Abigail

Adams, who once admonished her husband to "Remember the Ladies" when he and his fellow delegates were creating the Declaration of Independence in 1776, would have been proud to welcome the National Park Service's first woman Director. Superintendent Peak said she "appreciated Director's Mainella's sincere commitment to supporting units of the National Park Service to establish strong and sustainable partnerships to assist parks to better accomplish their mission." Meanwhile Adams NHP's staff were impressed that Director Mainella took time to speak to each of them and recognize their commitment to the National Park Service.

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# The Adams Chronicle

## National Park Service Director Visits Adams NHP to Initiate New Trolley Service

National Park Service Director Fran Mainella visited Adams National Historical Park (Adams NHP) in Quincy, Massachusetts to launch the new Adams trolley bus system by riding on board one of the three newly

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**Fran Mainella - NPS Director**



One of the three new National Park Service trolleys parked in front of the Adams NHP Old House during Director Mainella's visit.

acquired trolleys. Director Mainella was welcomed by Adams NHP Superintendent Marianne Peak, Adams family members, Mayor of the City Quincy William Phelan, and a host of Park partners.

The three trolleys, handsomely painted following NPS messaging project standards, are part of the Park's newly instituted Alternative Transportation System (ATS) and were acquired through a Department of Transportation grant of \$865,000. "Having the ability to use transportation like this to link different sites

around the city is so important to visitor satisfaction, enjoyment, and community partnership" said Director Mainella while touring the city aboard the Adams NHP trolley.

The next phase of the Adams NHP ATS program will be to complete the formation of a transportation collaborative between the NPS, City of Quincy and many other public and private partners to offer a seamless transportation system to the regions historical sites, attractions, and through a water shuttle link to Boston National Historical Park and the Boston Harbor Islands National

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Welcome to Adams NHP

Adams National Historical Park (Adams NHP) was designated as part of the National Park Service in 1946 to commemorate the distinguished men and women of the Adams family who dedicated their lives to the development and service of the United States. The thirteen acre park is comprised of the Birthplaces of John Adams and John Quincy Adams; "Peace field," home to four generations of the Adams family; the Visitor Center; and the United First Parish Church, which is the site of the final resting place of Presidents John Adams and John Quincy Adams and First Ladies Abigail Adams and Louisa Catherine Adams all located in Quincy, Massachusetts, eight miles south of Boston.

Each year our National Park Service staff and volunteers welcome over 200,000 visitors to Adams NHP with the goals of providing an enjoyable experience and the opportunity to be inspired by the Adams family's legacy of public service, preservation, and education. We believe this National Park Service unit perpetuates the Adams family's vision to foster civic virtue and patriotism in future generations by engaging visitors, teachers and educators with the historical resources that bring this remarkable family's achievements and legacy to life.



Marianne Peak  
Superintendent

NPS Leadership Council Meets at Adams NHP

On Monday, August 30th and Tuesday, August 31st Adams NHP played host to officials of the Northeast Region of the National Park Service, who were visiting the Park to participate in the Quarterly Meeting.

National Park Service officials including Regional Director Marie Rust and Deputy Regional Director Chrysandra Walter, toured Adams NHP "Old House," Birthplaces, Beale House, Carriage House, and the park's maintenance facility, and collection storage center.

Park staff also had a question and answer forum with National Park Service officials.

Rust and Walter later toured downtown Quincy and the National Park Service Visitor Center. After the tour, National Park officials met with several of Quincy's tourism representatives and business owners for a reception at the Adams Carriage House. Quincy Mayor William Phelan and Mrs. John Quincy Adams were also on hand to greet park officials.

National Park Service officials were visiting Quincy for the Northeast Leadership

Council, hosted by Adams NHP. The Leadership Council, consisting of Associate Regional Directors for park operations, gathers quarterly throughout the Northeast Region of the NPS which extends from Maine to Virginia.

"We were able to showcase Adams NHP, our education, initiatives, our outreach program and our trolley service, and this is a great opportunity to discuss the future of the National Park Service." said Marianne Peak Park Superintendent.



Adams NHP staff gather with NPS Northeast Regional Director Marie Rust in front of the Adams Carriage House.



Life Portrait of the Adams Family Legacy - Members of the Adams Memorial Society (descendants of Charles Francis Adams) gather in the garden next to the Adams NHP Old House.

David McCullough Leads 2004 Teacher Institute

"In the cold, nearly colorless light of a New England winter in 1776, two men on horseback traveled from this house in Braintree, Massachusetts along the coast road, heading north. One barely distinguishable from the other, except that the older, stouter man did most of the talking. . ." recounted Pulitzer Prize-winning author David McCullough. McCullough went on to tell a group of twenty-eight educators gathered at Adams NHP for the 2004 Teacher Institute, *John Adams: Independence Forever*, a week-long professional development program for local middle and high school teachers, how Adams used his mastery of language and his love of country to convince fifty-five other delegates at the Continental Congress in Philadelphia to break with Great Britain and form the United States of America. McCullough, a strong advocate of using parks as classrooms, explained that history is about human beings, like John Adams, and that places like Adams NHP can bring names from the past alive.



Pulitzer Prize Winning Author David McCullough speaks to 2004 Teacher Institute Educators.

From July 12-16, the participants worked with world renowned scholars, subject matter experts, and engaging performers to enhance classroom instruction and address learning standards in the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. Honorary Chairperson David McCullough led the program while several distinguished scholars, including Robert Allison, Richard Brookhiser, Joseph Ellis, Gordon Wood, and Judge Hiller Zobel offered

their insightful and informative commentary on one of America's most important Founding Fathers.

The 2004 Teacher Institute was the first held at Adams NHP, but Superintendent Marianne Peak said she planned to offer the program annually. In fact, Adams NHP will serve as an institutional partner in two successful Teaching American History Grant projects through the U.S. Department of Education. A substantial portion of each of the nearly \$1-million grants will bring teachers from local school systems to in service training and summer teacher institutes at Adams NHP for the next three years.

Superintendent Peak also expressed her hope that the 2004 Teacher Institute would inspire similar partnerships between National Park Service sites and educational communities throughout the nation saying, "this educational initiative resonates with the Adams family's strong belief in the importance of teaching and learning."

Emphasis on Partnerships

Adams NHP has been successful in being the recipient of donations to support park programs, including a donation of \$175,000 for upgrading security systems and a donation of \$86,000 from Colombo Yogurt to assist the park in conservation of and support of its education program. The Colombo Yogurt partnership was established through visibility of the park as a result of the *State of the Parks Report* prepared by the National Parks Conservation Association in 2001.

Adams NHP has successfully worked with partners such as Quincy 2000, Quincy Partnership, Massachusetts Historical Society, Quincy Historical Society, Bostonian Society, Adams Papers, United First Parish Church, and the Quincy Tourism Board in support of tourism, historic sites and communities for the enhancement of park programs.

NPS Conservationist Judy Jacob of New York has provided recommendations for preservation and conservation of the historic tombstones at the Hancock Cemetery where Adams descendants are buried. This project is in partnership with the City of Quincy, and Adams Memorial Society.

Adams NHP continues to partner and consult with the city and its tourism board in developing tourism, education programs, and transportation links within the community as it relates to Adams history and a seamless visitor experience. Mayor William Phelan has embarked on a re-development project for downtown Quincy and the NPS has been an integral partner in the planning phase.

